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BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to my forty second and most unusual edition of the Blower, the Club magazine of the Bathurst Light Car Club. Please forgive my “tongue in cheek” cover this Edition I couldn’t help seeing the irony of the picture. We certainly live in a different world these days’, don’t we?

I hope this publication helps to restore your faith in the fact that we will be back to pursue our passion for all things motorsport in the days or months ahead, we just have to be strong as a community to get over this thing. You President has provided details of what the Committee is up to in the meantime and you can read and see the results of the NSW Hill Climb events on the following pages. Tony Hanrahan has been busy around the grounds and provides an update on a number of members in action and Scotty Simms has provided a run down of the Gnoo Blas Motorshow.

Bathurst Light Car Club thrives on competition, but we cannot conduct competitions unless our members contribute their time and their effort to help organise and run events. If you are a member and you have not put your hand up to help make your Club a success, is it time to give it a go? You might just change your life! Why not apply for a Motorsport Australia Officials Accreditation online while you are waiting to get back into action?

I have included the annual calendar of events for members notation, however, there is no doubt that dates for a number of the events will need to be changed. It is anticipated that Motorkhana and Khanacross events will be the first events to resume and we would anticipate that all scheduled such events will occur on revised dates.

Until next time readers, enjoy the read and contribute to the next edition.

Bob Lundie-Jenkins B.A.

ATTENTION ALL BLCC CAMS OFFICIALS

Keeping the list of BLCC Members registered as a CAMS Official is an ongoing process and needs to be updated regularly. If you have not submitted your details in the last 12 months I can almost guarantee the details we have are not current. If you are a BLCC Member and hold a current CAMS Officials license of any kind, please send your name, CAMS membership number, CAMS license expiry date and specific qualification with the grade to: The BLCC Blower Editor at lundieb65@gmail.com

The information will assist in the staffing of Club events and development of future Club Officials so please submit your details as soon as possible.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – MARCH/APRIL 2020

Hello everyone from the bunker.

In these challenging times that don't come with a handbook we have to learn as we go and try our best. I hope that you are all well and nobody has been too adversely hit or impacted by the virus.

As we move forward through the "time out" period imposed upon us as a result of the COVID 19 virus, please spare a thought for those around you who maybe not so fortunate as yourselves. Stay positive and focused on the endgame and we will get through it together.

As everybody by now will be well aware that as a result of both State and Federal Government directives regarding gatherings we are not able to hold our monthly General Meetings, which is frustrating to say the least and it also influences our lack of capacity to run simple events. We have however, using technology, been able to conduct our committee meeting in accordance with constitutional requirements as an "E Meeting". It was a big learning curve for some although 3-4 members had used the technology before which helped – we are able therefore to meet constitutional requirements to manage the Club's affairs. A General Meeting of members at this stage of course would be mission impossible for many reasons.

During the down time Mitch Groves, Robert Dean and a couple of others are planning to do some work at the Quarry, which I have cleared with Police, to pour some concrete pads, put a roof over the space between the 2 containers and a few other items on the Quarry Committee's "to be done" list. Unfortunately, this work cannot be done as a working B due to limitation on numbers and accordingly the gates will be locked while work proceeds. Working B's in the future will be open to all as usual and we look forward to everybody having a go. When the call goes out please assist - many hands make light work.

The Club Committee is continuing to review the opportunities to restart our event calendar and regular discussions are held on this topic with a view to the recommencement of activity as soon as possible. Dirt events are the easiest to facilitate so we will concentrate on them first.

Every effort will be made to get some bitumen events up and running in line with our calendar as soon as we are able, however support from all members will be paramount to make them worthwhile for all. I have spoken to Bathurst Regional Council to ensure that we don't miss conducting the November Speed Weekend this year. The moving of the 6 Hour Race to be included with the new International Event scheduled for the middle of November, should not put our plans in this regard at risk.

With regard to championship results and awards for the year, I would have to say that it may well be the case, as in so many other competition areas, that this will be the year of “no awards” with the possible exception of Khanacross and Motorkhana, depending on how many events we will be able to conduct for the year. This will depend on many things not the least of which is the availability of officials and the weather. I will keep members posted in this regard through Facebook thanks to Shannon Sims together with an email broadcast thanks to by Bob Lundie-Jenkins.

With regard to memberships and the Blower distribution, I have proposed that the Blower continues to be forwarded to all members as usual with the additional inclusion of those members from last year who may have, for whatever reason, not renewed prior to the impact of this pandemic. The Club needs your support to help keep it strong as we charter the unknown path to the future. Your Club is old, strong and well established however, even though we don't have activity we do have expenses eg insurance, rates, electricity (bar fridge is running to save stock) registration of the fire ute, the caravan, the porta-loo trailer, licence fees for internet and website, MSA (CAMS) affiliation fees to name a few.

Unfortunately, we can't just suspend these payments just because we have suspended the game.

Work to sustain the Club continues. I mentioned the work at the Quarry and Robert Flood and I are working to obtain quotes to reinforce the retaining wall behind the flat at the Clubrooms before we have a major incident. Work to shore up the retaining wall had been undertaken many years ago by a past member living in the flat however, this did not stand up to the test of time and the elements. There will be costs involved however funds are available thanks to ongoing good responsible financial management. Progress on this work will be reported to members as we move forward.

I have had inquiries from a number of members regarding purchase of the BLCC Car Grille Badges. Given the number of inquiries I have arranged for supply of a further 50 – I don't have a delivery date to hand yet but will follow up and advise further as soon as I know – that will go on Facebook and in the Blower also.

I am still fielding motorsport questions regularly so if you want to talk to me please by all means give me a call - it will break the monotony also and give me something to do. It feels, I suppose, something like what retirement will feel like one day!

Please keep well and look after one another. Till next time – be well and drive safely.

Mick Tuckey

President

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General Meetings of the BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB are suspended until further notice due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

To provide for administrative efficiencies in accepting and approving attendance of individuals (not groups) at Monthly Executive Committee Meetings, the Committee require the following:

1. The request to attend is to be submitted 7 days before the meeting. The request is to be emailed to secretary@blcc.com.au not to any one individual.
2. Details of the matter to be discussed must be included at the time of initial request and any written documents to be produced are to be submitted at time of seeking approval to attend - this will enable the Committee members to read, assess and research if need be. It will further allow for the matter to be included on the agenda.
3. Acceptance or otherwise of the request will be provided to the applicant no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.
4. Those members approved to attend will have their matter dealt with before the Committee meeting commences with a time limit of 10 minutes allocated. A resolution of the issue may not necessarily be forthcoming on the night. Once the matter has been raised and brief discussions held or matter dealt with, the member will be required to leave the meeting to allow for the Committee meeting to begin.

Mick Tuckey

President

SPECIAL OFFER FROM BRAKEPRO

Brakepro Bathurst are offering a 10% discount on all parts to Bathurst Light Car Club Members. Simply let them know you are a member when booking in for work and show them your membership card to receive the discount.



How Close to the action do you like to be?



Being an official at any kind of motor race event puts you almost as close to the action as the competitors themselves, is that close enough for you?

Volunteering as a Flag Marshal, Fire and Rescue Marshal, Road Closure or Grid Marshal, or any number of other positions for a Bathurst Light Car Club event, is not only good fun but it means our Club can continue to do what we are there for. Once you are registered as a Motorsport Australia Official, you can officiate at any track

in Australia, for any accredited motor sport event, and it only cost a little of your time.

As a Motorsport Australia Official, you will join an organisation that has a presence in every motor racing track and venue in Australia, and there are already many thousands of people just like you that have signed up.



But most importantly, the Bathurst Light Car Club needs you to become an official NOW! We are desperately short of volunteers to help with a program of events running right through 2019 and into 2020. Go online to motorsportaustralia.com to sign up and complete the introductory course, or -



**CONTACT SCOTTY SIMS TO
SIGN UP – 0428 629784**

2020 CALENDAR

ALL ACTIVITY SUSPENDED



BLCC EVENTS



BLCC INVITED/COMPETING

MARCH	8	Motorsport Aust. NSW Motorkhana Championship	AP	State
MARCH	12-15	Melbourne 400	SC	National
MARCH	14	Midstate Freight Rallysprint Series Hastings	AMSAG	State
MARCH	12-15	Australian F1 Grand Prix	F1	International
MARCH	21-22	Netier National Capital Rally	Rally NSW	State
MARCH	22	BLCC Motorkhana	BLCC	Club
MARCH	27-29	Shannons Nationals Rd 1 Sydney	MAC	National
MARCH	29	Motorsport Aust. NSW Motorkhana Championship	NEP	State
APRIL	4	NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 3	WSCC	State
APRIL	4-5	Motorsport Australia NSW Championships	SMP	State
APRIL	4-5	Motorsport Aust. NSW Off Road Championship	Off Road	State
APRIL	4-5	Motorsport Aust. NSW Motorkhana Championship	ATEC	State
APRIL	3-5	Tyrepower Tasmania SuperSprint	SC	National
APRIL	5	BLCC Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
APRIL	10-12	Hi Tec Oils Bathurst 6 Hour	6 Hour	National
APRIL	10-12	Condo 750	AR	NSW
APRIL	10-12	Shannon's Nationals Rd 2 Bathurst	MAG	National
APRIL	18	Pipe King Southern Cross Rally Series Rosewood	AMSAG	State
APRIL	24-26	ITM Auckland SuperSprint	SC	National
APRIL	26	Country Cruisin for Can Assist	CA	Social
APRIL	26	Motorsport Aust. NSW Supersprint Championship	SMP	State
APRIL	27-3	Targa Tasmania	TARGA	National
MAY	1-3	Shannon's Nationals Rd 3 Winton	MAC	National
MAY	2	NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 4	KSCC	State
MAY	2	BLCC Flying Fifth	BLCC	M/Club
MAY	3	BLCC Esses Descent	BLCC	M/Club
MAY	3	Motorsport Aust. NSW Motorkhana Championship	NEP	State
MAY	15-17	PIRTEK Perth SuperNight	SC	National
MAY	16-17	Motorsport Aust. NSW Off Road Championship	Off Road	State
MAY	23	Pipe King Southern Cross Rally Series Orange	AMSAG	State

MAY	23-24	Motorsport Australia NSW Championships	WP	State
MAY	24	BLCC Motorkhana	MLCC	Club
MAY	31	Motorsport Aust. NSW Motorkhana Championship	NEP	State
JUNE	6-7	Bega Valley Rally	Rally NSW	State
JUNE	6	6 – 7 NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 5	GSCC	State
JUNE	5-7	Truck Assist Winton SuperSprint	SC	National
JUNE	12-14	Shannon's Nationals Rd 4 The Bend	MAC	National
JUNE	14	BLCC Supersprint	BLCC	M/Club
JUNE	20	Midstate Freight Rallysprint Series Tumut	AMSAG	State
JUNE	21	Motorsport Aust. NSW Motorkhana Championship	NEP	State
JUNE	21	BLCC Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
JUNE	26-28	Watpac Townsville 400	SC	National
JUNE	28	BLCC Trial Series Rd 2 (TBC)	BLCC	Social
JUNE	27-28	Motorsport Australia NSW Championships	SMC	State
JULY	3-5	Shannon's Nationals Rd 5 (TBC)	MAC	National
JULY	4	Rally of the Bay	Rally NSW	State
JULY	17-19	BetEasy Darwin Triple Crown	SC	National
JULY	18	Pipe King Southern Cross Rally Series Bulahdelah	AMSAG	State
JULY	19	NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 6	TSCC	State
JULY	19	Motorsport Aust. NSW Supersprint Championship	WP	State
JULY	26	BLCC Motorkhana	BLCC	Club
JULY	25-26	Motorsport Aust. NSW Off Road Championship	Off Road	State
AUGUST	1-2	Motorsport Australia NSW Championships	SMC	State
AUGUST	8-9	NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 7	MGCCN	State
AUGUST	9	BLCC Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
AUGUST	9	Motorsport Aust. NSW Supersprint Championship	SMP	State
AUGUST	9	Motorsport Aust. NSW Motorkhana Championship	SMP	State
AUGUST	15-16	Pipe King Southern Cross Rally Series	AMSAG	State
AUGUST	21-23	Shannon's Nationals Rd 6 Phillip Island	MAC	National
AUGUST	22	Bulahdelah Rally	Rally NSW	State
AUGUST	28-30	Sydney SuperNight	SC	National
AUGUST	29-30	Motorsport Aust. NSW Off Road Championship	Off Road	State
SEPTEMBER	3-4	NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 8	SDMA	State
SEPTEMBER	4-6	Targa Great Barrier Reef	TARGA	National
SEPTEMBER	11-13	Shannon's Nationals Rd 8 Sandown	MAC	National

SEPTEMBER	13	BLCC Esses Hillclimb	BLCC	M/Club
SEPTEMBER	18-20	The Bend OTR 500	SC	National
SEPTEMBER	13	Motorsport Aust. NSW Motorkhana Championship	NEP	State
SEPTEMBER	19	Caves Classic	Rally NSW	State
SEPTEMBER	19-20	Motorsport Aust. NSW Off Road Championship	Off Road	State
SEPTEMBER	20	BLCC Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
SEPTEMBER	20	Motorsport Aust. NSW Supersprint Championship	WP	State
SEPTEMBER	26	Pipe King Southern Cross Rally Series Bargo	AMSAG	State
SEPTEMBER	26-27	Motorsport Australia NSW Championships	WP	State
OCTOBER	4	Midstate Freight Rallysprint Series Armidale	AMSAG	State
OCTOBER	8-11	Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000	SC	National
OCTOBER	17	Monaro Stages	Rally NSW	State
OCTOBER	17-18	Motorsport Aust. NSW Off Road Championship	Off Road	State
OCTOBER	23	BLCC Motorkhana	BLCC	Club
OCTOBER	30-1	Vodafone Gold Coast 600	SC	National
NOVEMBER	1	BLCC Trial Series Rd 3 (TBC)	BLCC	Social
NOVEMBER	1	Motorsport Aust. NSW Supersprint Championship	SMP	State
NOVEMBER	5-8	Australian Hillclimb Championship	MGCCQ	National
NOVEMBER	6-8	Targa High Country	TARGA	National
NOVEMBER	7	Pipe King Southern Cross Rally Series Walcha	AMSAG	State
NOVEMBER	7	BLCC Speed Weekend	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	8	BLCC Speed Weekend	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	13-15	Bathurst International	ARG	International
NOVEMBER	14-15	Motorsport Australia NSW Championships	SMP	State
NOVEMBER	20-22	Penrite Oil Sandown 400	SC	National
NOVEMBER	21	Midstate Freight Rallysprint Series Hastings	AMSAG	State
NOVEMBER	28	North Coast Rally (TBC)	Rally NSW	State
NOVEMBER	28	BLCC Motorkhana	BLCC	Club
NOVEMBER	29	BLCC Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
DECEMBER	4-6	Coates Hire Newcastle 500	SC	National



TENTATIVE 2020 SWAPMEETS, CAR SHOWS CALENDAR

APRIL	3	3-5 Fiat Nationals, NSW Goulburn
APRIL	4	4-7, I Don't Want to Go Home Rally, Lake Centenary, Goldfields Way, Temora
APRIL	5	Goulburn Swap Meet, NSW
APRIL	10	10 – 13 Camaro & Firebird Nationals, NSW Tumut
APRIL	10	10-12, ASRF Regional Nationals Goulburn 2020, Goulburn Showground
APRIL	10	10-13, Bushman's Rally, NSW Broken Hill
APRIL	12	NARRANDERA VINTAGE RESTORERS & COLLECTORS CLUB
APRIL	18	Ford VS Holden, NSW Carter Street Fields, Tamworth
APRIL	18	Wheels of Wamboin, NSW WAMBOIN COMMUNITY HALL
APRIL	19	Pride of Ownership Show, NSW Bryant Park, Cowra
APRIL	26	Country Cruis'in for Can Assist – Bathurst to Portland
APRIL	26	Wings, Wheels and Wine, NSW Mudgee Airport
APRIL	26	Central Coast Auto Feast, NSW Gosford Showground
APRIL	24	24 – 26 GTR & XU1 Nationals Tamworth
MAY	16	16-17 Shannon's Tamworth Motor Show, NSW
MAY	23	23–24 Hot Rod and Custom Auto Expo, ROSEHILL RACECOURSE
MAY	23	Hunter Valley All Holden Day and Swap-meet 2020
MAY	23	23-24 Hunter Valley All Holden Day and Swap Meet, Maitland Showground
JUNE	6	Wombat Swap Meet 2020 @ Wombat New South Wales 2587
SEPTEMBER	13	All British Day, THE KINGS SCHOOL, PENNANT HILLS
NOVEMBER	13	13 – 15 Torana Nationals Canberra

For attention of all Quarry Competitors

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT BLCC CARS ARE FOR THE USE OF BLCC JUNIOR MEMBERS AND FIRST TIME COME and TRY PARTICIPANTS ONLY.

By Order of Club Management

HISTORIC REGISTRATION **URGENT ATTENTION ALL OWNERS**

To maintain your Historic Registration through the Bathurst Light Car Club you **MUST** be a financial member of the Club at all times. You **MUST** renew your Club membership and it is a Police requirement that you have the Membership card with you at all times when driving the vehicle.

If you live within 100 kilometres of Bathurst, have you volunteered to assist the Club in the past 12 months? If not remember we always need Officials and that assistance forms part of your obligation to take advantage of the registration scheme. Your vehicle will only be registered under this scheme if you comply with this Club requirement and you are a financial member of the Club.

Mick Tuckey

BLCC President

WORKING WITH CHILDREN REGISTRATION

As many would be aware there is increasing pressure in our society to ensure that those most vulnerable are protected at all times and one way of doing that is to obtain a Working with Children registration.

MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA , the administrative controller of our sport, is moving to have all volunteers who are registered with them obtain WWC registration and your Club accepts and agrees with the value of this policy, not only to protect children but the volunteers working with children as well.

The process to obtain the registration is cost free and can be done online followed by a very short visit to RMS to finalise the process after initial registration on-line. All Members are encouraged to obtain the registration and Committee members are available to assist in the process if required. Your assistance in the implementation of this procedure is appreciated.

CAR CLUB GRILLE BADGE

A second round of 50 badges has been ordered and delivery details will be posted in the Blower as soon as they are available.



Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) in Speed Events

MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA members are reminded that as of 1 January 2020, the mandatory use of Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) will come into effect for Speed events, whereby the vehicle entered is fitted with the necessary requirements to ensure the effective use of a FHR.

In implementing this for Speed events MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA has applied the mandatory use of FHR to only certain vehicle classifications, those being aligned with the mandatory use across other disciplines of the sport. This will mean that:

- Each 1st Category (single seater) vehicle will require the use of FHR except if it is a Superkart or a 5th Category single seater which is exempt from the use of FHR; and
- Each vehicle which is the subject of a MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA Log Book and classified as a Race, Rally/Road or Off Road vehicle will require the use of FHR, the same as if that vehicle was entered into an event for one of those disciplines.
- **A vehicle which is road registered will not be require the mandatory use of FHR, unless that vehicle is also classified and holds a Log Book as a Race, Rally/Road or Off Road vehicle.** This approach is to ensure that those vehicles which compete elsewhere that require the mandatory use of FHR must now also use FHR in Speed Events.

Motorsport Australia wishes to encourage all competitors to consider the use of FHR whether it is applied as mandatory to them or not.

Any further queries can be directed to technical@motorsportAustralia.com.au



NSW HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP RD 1 & 2



Dean Tighe – 1st outright

The target was 90 entrants and we received one extra, however, 8 withdrew before the start of the first event - welcome to Hill Climbing on Mount Panorama.

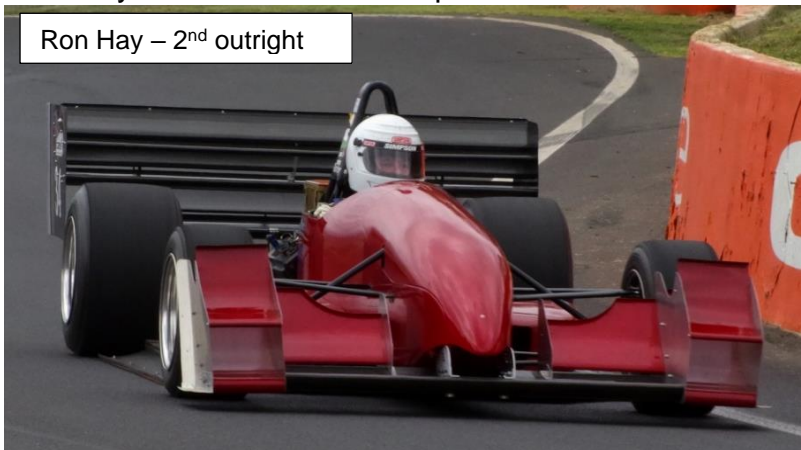
Great weather for both rounds with the track looking pristine.

Dean Tighe was the standout performer over the weekend taking first outright and winning his class for both rounds on the Esses and Mountain Straight courses.

Ron Hay was a close second and David Mahon completed the podium in third demonstrating the value of engine power combined with top aerodynamics and a strong nerve if you want to take the top



Pic by Stephen Ashelford



Ron Hay – 2nd outright

prize.

John English was the only accidental hiccup for the day when his RX7 turned right after the Dipper and became airborne to make a spectacular exit from the event. John escaped with a headache, a first in class trophy from his first run of the day and an unfortunate repair bill.

Round 1 had 78 finishers with two competitors having just one run to seal first place in their respective class.

Overall and class presentations were held in the Club rooms after the event and it was great to see so many competitors and officials in attendance.



David Mahon – 3rd outright

Round 2 was conducted on Sunday on the Mountain Straight course and had just 77 starters with a number of competitors having various problems on the Saturday. Many of the Sunday starters didn't make it to the line more than once during the day due to mechanical gremlins.



Michael Roberts – Elfin Type 500

Competitors who could completed four runs for each event and while two

vehicles had to be removed from the track by flat tow, there were no significant driver injuries.

Overall, the event ran smoothly and most involved were satisfied with the outcome.

Despite running the events on the same weekend as the Bathurst Auto-Fest, conducted on the lower sections of the track, there were effectively no issues raised and both events ran in harmony.



Andrew Walker - Turnham Bandit



Tim Wrightson 2nd
Esses 3D Sports
Sedan 1301-2000cc

Theo Poteris - 3rd
Esses Road Registered
AWD – Ford Focus





Mitchel Porch Honda
 – 1st 3J Improved
 Production 2001 -
 3000



Aden Hadley Datsun
 1st Esses 3D Sports
 Sedan 1301 - 2000



Gwyn Mulholland Cortina
 – 4th Esses 3D Sports
 Sedan 1301 - 2000



Mal Pollard Commodore –
 3J Improved Production
 over 3000



Karen Wilson Esses Fastest Lady Driver – Ford Focus



Steven Griffiths Datsun 120Y – Road Registered under 2500



Steven King Uberkart Reaper – 1st Esses Formulae Libre 750 - 1300

Ron Gallagher Toyota 86 – Esses 1st 2F Production Sports over 1600





Gerard Gotch Datsun 120Y
Coupe - Esses 2nd 3J Improved
Production 1601 - 2000

David Richardson Alfa
4C – Road Registered
over 2500



Shannon Maher Subaru BRZ
– 3rd Mountain Straight Road
Registered over 2500

Kyle Curry Subaru WRX –
Road Registered All Wheel
Drive





Martin McLoughlan
Renault Clio – 3J
Improved Production
1601 - 2000

Trevor White
Commodore SS –
Road Registered over
2500



Greg Boyle Nissan
Skyline R32 GTR –
watch this space in
the future



GNOO BLAS 2020

Story and pics from Scott Sims

Once again, the annual Gnoo Blas Car Show was held in Orange in February. Gnoo Blas has become one of the biggest car shows in NSW and reportedly had somewhere near 600 cars, trucks and motorcycles on display.



The show celebrates the history of the Gnoo Blas Racing Circuit and is held on the Jack Brabham Reserve on what used to be the pit area of the Gnoo Blas Racetrack. This was the race circuit where the Australian Touring Car Championship was first held and

was the circuit where Jack Brabham made his race debut. Many of the great racing drivers and motorcycle racers of the era competed at the circuit which you can still drive around today.

The Bathurst Light Car Club pulled together our own display of historic and competition vehicles on our stand. The Club had 20 cars on display, and it was great to see the variety of vehicles from historics to some of our members competition vehicles.



It's always a great day out and we saw many members make the trip to Orange to visit the show and join us throughout the day. Stars of the show were the immaculate, award winning Torana's of Neville Ling, it would be hard to find a finer example of these famous cars anywhere in Australia.



The MG's of Mick Tuckey and Mick Williamson along with Warrick Augustin's Morris and the Mulholland's collection,

made up some of the historic vehicles on display. From the competition side of things there was Martin McLaughlin's Renault Clio and Brad Selmes' off road Triton. This vehicle is a credit to Brad's engineering and mechanical skills, it is really something else.

John Frazer was there with the rebuilt Mitsubishi Evo 6 and once again this car is a credit to John's devotion to the sport. It very obviously took a lot of work to resurrect this car after his monumental accident at the last rally he competed in.



Cec Evan's Escort was definitely the attention grabber as many people stopped to look in amazement when they noticed the Commodore V6 in the engine bay,



this car is certainly a weapon. Although the unfortunate Cec was the subject of a rescue mission for the Club's Fire Ute, which was doing double duty at the Show, when his transport truck had a flat battery and had to be tow started at the end of the day. Sorry Cec, never let a chance go by as they say mate.

If you are into great motor vehicles of every kind and have not attended the Gnoo Blas Motorshow, you have missed one of the great experiences. It is a February tradition in Orange and definitely worth the effort as it is not only a chance to catch up with other Club members, but it is a chance to see some of the nicest historic vehicles, motorcycles and trucks, some fantastic custom cars as well as some of the latest supercars. It is also a chance to meet some of Australia's greatest racing personalities both past and present.

Thanks to all the members for bringing their cars to put on our Club's display and a special thanks to Helen Mulholland for all the hard work she puts into getting the display up and running each year. I'm told Helen handed out at least 20 membership forms to interested people throughout the day, we hope to see some of these people at our events once we can compete again.



The Club is hoping to resume normal operations as soon as possible until then please stay home and stay safe.

MEMBER CATCH-UP from Tony Hanrahan

BEDWELL AND STEVENSON CLASH AT WAKEFIELD

Wakefield Park Raceway was the scene for the clash between Hamish Bedwell and Nathan Stevenson in their Austin Mini Cooper's contesting the Supersprint race for the 2020 Wakefield Park Raceway HSRCA Autumn Festival on the 22nd March. Qualifying saw Nathan in 10th place with a time of 1.13.96 while Hamish was in 11th place at 1.14.21.

Race one had the two Bathurst Light Car Club Members still locked together but both were able to move up one finishing position to 9th and 10th outright. Hamish recorded two more 10th places in race 2 and 4 but did not start race 3. In the final race he recorded a 5th place, his best time for the meet was in race 2 at 1.14.04. Nathan did not start race 2 but returned for race 3, again finishing in 9th place but retired afterward with clutch problems.

GOULDING CONTESTS GROUP N AT HSRCA AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Nathan Goulding contested Group N in his historic Morris Cooper S, qualifying 6th at a time of 1.12.51 on the 22nd March. In race one he repeated his 6th placing followed by two 5th placings in the BMC challenge and race two for Group N. He followed this with a 4th in race three and a 3rd in race four for Group N, his fastest time was in race four at 1.12.35.

RADICAL SHIELDS

The Australian Production Car Nationals saw Brad Shiels driving the GWR/Tilton Interiors SRC RSX Radical contested at Sydney Motorsport Park on the 7th March. Brad shared the drive with Kosta Pohorukov and qualified in

2nd place just 0.45 second off pole for the thirty-two lap race. The pair finished in 6th place with a best race time of 1.31.89.

FIELD, MARKWICK AND MUGGLETON AT MRA SERIES

Three Bathurst Light Car Club Members travelled to Wakefield Park Raceway for the 2020 MRA Series Round 1 to contest the X3 Series NSW for Hyundai Excels on the 9th February.

Stephen Muggleton qualified 24th with a time of 1.43.55 and in his three races finished 22nd in race one followed by 20th in race two and 19th in his third race while he recorded his fastest time in race two at 1.21.30.

John Markwick, a regular at Hyundai Excel races, qualified 16th for his three races finishing the day with a 23rd in race one, 15th in race two and 14th in his final race with fastest time in race one at 1.19.64.

Harrison Field was the most successful BLCC driver qualifying 14th with 1.35.36 finishing the days racing with a 17th in race one followed by 12th in race two and 8th in the final race, his best time was 1.18.14 in race one.

HADLEY AND SHIELS AT WAKEFIELD

Brad Shiels was the standout driver at Wakefield Park Raceway track school test day driving a Mitsubishi EVO. He completed 12 laps finishing fastest by 10.64 seconds at 0.54.42 on the 15th March.

Aden Hadley was testing a R33 Skyline GT3 and finished 4th with 33 laps of testing at a fastest time of 1.07.23. Aden was 2.02 seconds off second place.

MARKWICK AT SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK

John Markwick contested round two of the Hyundai Excel Series at Sydney Motorsport Park and qualified 26th in the Supercheap Used Cars Bathurst entry in 26th place with a time of 2.06.98 on the 15th March. The twenty-three lap race saw John improve to finish in 17th place, an improvement of nine positions.

SHIELS AT NSW CHAMPIONSHIP

Brad Shiels contested the 2020 NSW State Championships Round 1 at Wakefield Park Raceway driving the J.S Racing Fiat 124 Coupe. 7th on the 8th and 9th March. Brad qualified 4th and contested three races in the championship one on Saturday and two on Sunday. He finished 4th in all three races and his fastest time was set on Saturday at 1.00.16. He followed up on Sunday with a 1.03.13 in race two and 1.02.81 in the final race.

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